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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/678,459
	Filing Date	October 3, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Masumitsu Ino
	Art Unit	1725
	Examiner Name	Geoffrey Evans
	Attorney Docket No.	09792909-4645

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

### 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously mailed on \_\_\_\_\_, and telefaxed to the examiner on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 12/10/2003 DTESSEM1 00000047 193140 09678459
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 20.00 DA 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$750.00 to American Express credit card. Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

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**AMENDMENT "D" ACCOMPANYING RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		--	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		--	( ) X 39.00 ( ) X 80.00	0.00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES (X) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00	

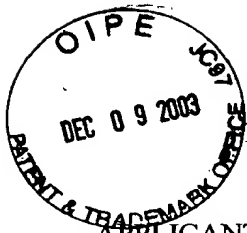
- Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Applicant Attorney's credit card number to cover the cost of the extension. Form 2038 is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the additional claim fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-8000 - Ext. 2606.

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This Amendment "D" is filed in response to the Final Office Action of August 29, 2003 and accompanies and RCE. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.